(b) the time by which India is likely to attain self-sufficiency in the production of petroleum products ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The total quantum of petroleum products likely to be produced in the country is 50.8 MMT against the estimated requirement of 61.5 MMT during the current financial year.

(b) There are plans to augment the refining capacity in public as well as in private sector.

Loss of Property due to fire accident in ONGC (Makarpura)

2485. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI :
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the loss of property suffered by Government due to the fire accident in the Department of Construction and Maintenance of Oil and Natural Gas Commission (O.N.G.C.) during May, 1992 in Makarpura, near Vadodra;

(b) whether investigation report in connection with this accident has been received; and

(c) if so, the drawbacks found in it and the action being taken by Government in this connection ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Preliminary enquiry estimated a loss of about Rs. 5 to 7 lakhs.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Transfer of various Profit Earning Organisations to GAIL

2486. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI :
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has taken any action regarding transfer of various profit earning gas organisations to Gas Authority of India Limited;

(b) if so, the justification thereof and the number of such gas organisations transferred so far to Gas Authority of India Limited alongwith their moveable and immovable properties;

(c) whether there is wide spread resentment among the employees of the Commission against this action; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (d) The gas marketing functions of ONGC, alongwith related assets, have been transferred to GAIL, which was set up in 1984 with the mandate of transporting, processing and marketing of natural gas, after taking into account all relevant considerations including the various representations received from employees.

Setting up of Refinery in Maharashtra

2487. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a Rs. 3,000 crore refinery in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, what will be the exact location thereof and by when the same is likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Government of India has approved, in principle, the setting up a 6 MMTPA oil refinery in the joint sector in Western India.

Oil Spills in Bombay Offshore

2488. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that huge oil spills were detected recently in Bombay offshore;

(b) what were the reasons for such oil spills; and

(c) whether Government have ordered any enquiry into the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) According to ONGC, no oil spill has been detected recently in Bombay offshore.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

हरियाणा में खाना पकाने की गैस के वितरकों की नियुक्ति

2489. **श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर** : क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार को हरियाणा के अनेक छोटे नगरों में खाना पकाने की गैस के वितरकों की नियुक्ति के लिए आवेदन-पत्र प्राप्त हुए हैं और यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) अब तक जिलेवार नियुक्त किए गए खाना पकाने की गैस के वितरकों की संख्या कितनी है तथा उनके नाम और पते क्या-क्या हैं ; और

(ग) चालू वर्ष के दौरान अन्य किन-किन स्थानों पर खाना पकाने की गैस एजेंसियां खोलने का प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है और उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) देश के विभिन्न स्थानों पर एल० पी० जी० की एजेंसियां खोलने के लिए समय-समय पर आवेदन-पत्र प्राप्त होते हैं जिसमें हरियाणा के आवेदन-पत्र शामिल हैं । ऐसे आवेदन-पत्रों का कोई अलग से रेकार्ड नहीं रखा जाता है ।

(ख) दिनांक 1-10-1992 की स्थिति के अनुसार, हरियाणा के विभिन्न जिलों में एल० पी० जी० की 120 डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपें थीं ।

(ग) तेल उद्योग का हरियाणा के निम्नलिखित स्थानों में एल० पी० जी० की 14 डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपें खोलने का प्रस्ताव है :—

1. फरीदाबाद (2)
2. होडल
3. हिसार
4. जींद
5. जगाधरी
6. मंडी डबवाली
7. नूह
8. पंचकुला (2)
9. सोनीपत
10. शाहबाद
11. समालखा मंडी
12. यमुनानगर ।

Existing Gas Dealers in Thane and Kalyan

2490. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of existing Gas dealers in Municipal Corporation limits of Thane and Kalyan, companies-wise;

(b) the number of wait listed customers and last date of release of gas connections company-wise and dealer-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the present policy of release of gas connection is highly discriminatory to the consumers wait listed with old dealers;

(d) since when they are made to wait inordinately a long time while fresh consumers get gas connections without waiting for long with the new dealers;

(e) if so, whether any changes are proposed in the policy for releasing gas connections to the waiting consumers in their turn to provide for much awaited relief and also in the interest of justice and fair practices; and

(f) whether Government are considering special liberal plan to provide relief to a long wait listed consumers in Mumbai-Thane twin cities and details thereof ?